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## **M e m o r a n d u m**

Date: December 8, 1997

To: BDAC Members

From: Lester A. Snow  
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Subject: Department of the Interior Proposal for b(2) Implementation of CVPIA; Correspondence on the EDF/Westlands/U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Water Accounting Matter

As you are all aware, the CALFED Bay-Delta Program is fast approaching the release of a draft preferred alternative which will form the basis for the Programmatic EIR/EIS. The BDAC meeting on December 12 may be the only opportunity for BDAC members to offer comments and advice to the Program before a draft alternative is selected. It is essential that the focus of the agenda for that meeting be primarily on an in-depth briefing and discussion of the hybrid alternatives. Therefore, the b(2) matter and the Westlands water account issue will not be agendized at the December BDAC meeting.

Enclosed for your information and review, however, are documents pertaining to these two issues:

-- the proposal for implementation of Section 3406(b)(2) of the CVPIA which was released by the Department of the Interior on November 21, 1997;

-- correspondence related to the water accounting issue for the Westlands Water District which was raised by BDAC members Tom Graff at the September meeting and discussed again at our November meeting.

A written response from USBR to the issues raised by Tom Graff will be available for you on December 12.

We look forward to seeing you.

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Department of Water Resources  
California Environmental Protection Agency  
State Water Resources Control Board

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